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SUBJECT:U.S./CANADIAN STUDIES OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTAL PRESS GUIDANCE TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR
USE:

1. Q: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY, TRADE, AND COMMERCE, JEAN CHRETIEN, HAS INDICATED
THAT HE WILL BE RELEASING THE CANADIAN STUDY OF THE
AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY TO INTERESTED PRIVATE GROUPS IN CANADA
SUCH AS THE AUTO COMPANIES, THE UAW, AND INTERESTED
ASSOCIATIONS. DOES THE U.S. PLAN TO DO THE SAME WITH ITS
STUDY? WILL THE U.S. RELEASE ITS REPORT TO THE PRESS?

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A: WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTING OUR REPORT
TO INTERESTED AUTOMOTIVE GROUPS IN THE U.S. FOR COMMENT.
WE WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE THOSE COMMENTS BEFORE
CONSIDERING RELEASE OF THE REPORT PUBLICLY.

2. Q: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SO-CALLED PARALLEL STUDIES

OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY PREPARED BY THE U.S. AND
CANADA MAY NOT BE AS COMPARABLE AS INTENDED. IS THIS
TRUE? HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE DIVERGENCE?

A: BOTH COUNTRIES ORIGINALLY AGREED TO DO SEPARATE
BUT PARALLEL STUDIES ON THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN
AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF THE EXPECTED
IMPACT OF ENERGY, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS.
IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT EACH SIDE WOULD BE FREE TO
EXPLORE ALL AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. AS A RESULT
OF OUR DIFFERENT INTERESTS, THE STUDIES TEND TO BE MORE
COMPLEMENTARY THAN ALIKE.
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